



**Around 44,000
children are registered**

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continued the registration interviews for the education grants for the students enrolling for the 2016/2017 academic year.
- In August, CRS successfully registered a total number of 4,286 applicants with total number of 9,278 students. From end of May until the end of August, CRS team has registered a total number of 10,798 applicants with a total number of 25,041 students.
- In August, CRS successfully disbursed education grants in Cairo and Alexandria to 5,305 students (2,651 females and 2,654 males). The majority of students received the education grant are enrolled in Primary stage, while only 505 students were enrolled in Secondary stage.
- During August, a total number of 678 households (347 females and 332 males) were assisted with extra financial assistance in Cairo and Alexandria. The assistance was determined based on a vulnerability assessment.
- During August and by the start of education grant interviews, CRS started an advising service for applicants with special needs students to provide needed information on available special needs schools and create a database of updated profiles of special needs students. 40 students (17 females and 23 males) were served.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and CRS helplines continued replying to refugee families inquiries related to Education. The majority of inquiries were related to grant interview dates. By the end of August, CRS team started the roll-out of the UNHCR capacity building programs for Syrian community schools/centres in Alexandria. A training module was designed and the training is expected to be concluded by

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The Egyptian Government granted Syrians access to public schools under same rules that apply to Egyptian nationals. In practice several challenges have arisen when Syrian families attempted to enroll their children in public schools most importantly the required documentation, overcrowding and safety concerns inside and outside of school. The lack of capacity and quality of the environment in public schools remains a significant barrier to the enrolment and retention of Syrian children.

A key objective of the Education Sector is to promote and facilitate access as well as improve the quality of education provided to Syrian refugees in public schools. Efforts are made to support national education systems to accommodate refugee children, including through support to teachers inside classrooms. Education is also an entry point to provide child-centred support and a mechanism to address the scars of war affecting those traumatized children and adolescents.

A particular focus will be given to the enhancement of the quality of education in public schools. This will be achieved through a host of measures including supply of IT equipment, science labs, and teacher training for primary and secondary education. The targeted subjects will be Mathematics, Science and Languages.

In order to enhance access to education for the most vulnerable boys and girls, around 150 disabled Syrian children will be supported in specialized private schools, as no public Egyptian schools currently have appropriate model of education and care required. These children will receive special education grants to cover the special needs school fees and their transportation needs. 3RP partners will support 16 public schools to accommodate children with special needs through the Inclusive School Programme.

The education response plan is based on the assumption that the current Government policy under which Syrian students have access to public schools will be continued. Based on the needs assessment conducted in 2015 by Ministry of Education (MoE) and 3RP education partners. 3RP partners will provide support to improve and rehabilitate public schools in most impacted areas by Syrian refugee crisis. Mapping of government schools most frequented by Syrian children has already been concluded, and a report by the General Authority for Educational Buildings (GAEB) has been compiled listing the needs and work required to enhance the absorption capacity of the most affected schools in impacted areas and improve WASH facilities. This report will continue to inform the dialogue with the Ministry.

Around 200,000 children aged six to 17 from host communities should directly benefit from the planned school rehabilitation programme.

The Education Working Group continue to promote effective coordination through quality information management and a continuous collaboration with other sectors such as protection, health and water, sanitation and hygiene.



School Assessment, Bashaer Manaret Al-Yasmine, Obour City, July 3rd, 2016. Photo by CRS

Sector Response Summary:



**253,500 Refugees & Local
Community Members targeted
for assistance by end of 2016,
50,490 assisted in 2016.**



Syrian Refugees in EGYPT :



**110,000 Syrian Refugees
expected by end-2016, 116,200
currently registered or
awaiting registration.**



3RP Overall Funding Status:



**USD 146.6 million required in 2016,
USD 43.6 million received in 2016.**



EGYPT RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - AUGUST 2016

